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**DEW Executive Director Cheryl Stanton's Statement
July 2017 Employment Statement**

“While we are pleased to see the unemployment rate drop below 4 percent, we realize there are many families that recently have been affected by layoffs. Seeing our business community come together this week to provide opportunities to these and other workers encourages me that people will not be out of work long. South Carolina’s economy is strong, and businesses are hiring, as indicated by the nearly 60,000 jobs currently available across the state.” said Cheryl Stanton, executive director of the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce.

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About DEW

The S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) is putting South Carolinians to work. The agency invests in building a pipeline of quality workers, matches workers with jobs, and is a bridge for individuals who find themselves out of work for no fault of their own. This promotes financial stability and economic prosperity for employers, individuals and communities. [DEW](#) is dedicated to advancing South Carolina through services that meet the needs of the state’s businesses, jobseekers and those looking to advance their careers.